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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER COMMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHT QUESTION AT AMSTERDAM  
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MEETING

REF: A. OSLO 1797 B. THE HAGUE 2015

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER NORDLI APRIL 19 WE  
DISCUSSED RECENT SOCIALIST SUMMIT MEETING WHICH HE ATTENDED  
IN AMSTERDAM (REFTELS). NORDLI REFERRED TO NORWEGIAN PRESS  
ACCOUNTS OF THE MEETING (OSLO 1797) WHICH HAD EMPHASIZED  
NORDLI'S SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S POSITION ON HUMAN  
RIGHTS IN RESPONSE TO ALLEGED CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT BY FRG  
LEADER WILLIE BRANDT FOR ENDANGERING DETENTE BY PUSHING HUMAN  
RIGHTS TOO HARD. NORDLI SAID NORWEGIAN PRESS HAD MISCONSTRUED  
AND EXAGGERATED BRANDT'S VIEWS.

2. NORDLI SAID BRANDT TOLD HIM PRIVATELY THAT HE FULLY  
AGREED WITH NORDLI'S STATEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
WAS STISIFIED WITH THE WAY THE PRESIDENT IS HANDLING THE  
HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. BRANDT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IN SPEAKING  
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INFORMALLY ON SUBJECT TO PRESS HE MAY NOT HAVE EXPRESSED  
HIMSELF AS CLEARLY AS HE HAD WISHED, BUT THAT THE PRESS  
HAD CLEARLY MISSTATED HIS VIEWS.

3. NORDLI SAID BRANDT TOLD HIM THAT THERE WERE SOME  
PARTICULARLY DELICATE PROBLEMS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS/DETENTE  
RELATIONSHIP FOR THE GERMANS. A NUMBER OF WEST GERMANS

WANTED TO RETURN TEMPORARILY TO THE EAST TO VISIT RELATIVES, AND THEY DID NOT WANT ANY EXACERBATION OF RELATIONS WHICH MIGHT PREVENT SUCH VISITS. FOR THIS REASON, BRANDT TOLD NORDLI, WEST GERMAN WANTED TO DAMP DOWN POTENTIAL TENSIONS WHICH MIGHT ARISE IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD.

4. NORDLI SAID WRITTEN CONCLUSIONS OF THE SUMMIT MEETING (THE HAGUE 2002) ACCURATELY REFLECT THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST LEADERS' VIEWS. THE CONCLUSIONS STATE THAT DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS HAVE ALREADY DEDICATED THEMSELVES AND THEIR POLICY TO HUMAN RIGHTS, THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR SUCH RIGHTS AND SEE NO CONFLICT BETWEEN THESE EFFORTS AND DETENTE. ANDERS

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